

Supervisor Romaine Launches Town Youth Bureau's INTERFACE Back To School Supply Drive

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Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Ed Romaine has announced that the Town of Brookhaven's Youth Bureau will once again sponsor the INTERFACE Back to School Supply Drive at various locations throughout the Town during the month of August. Residents are asked to drop off items such as pens, calculators, backpacks, notebooks, lunch boxes, folders, glue, binders and more. The supplies will be distributed to needy families who might otherwise not be able to provide them to their children before school begins. Pictured left to right are Commissioner of Housing and Human Services Diana Weir, INTERFACE Coordinator Maria Polak and Supervisor Romaine at the donation bin located in the lobby of Town Hall.

"Over the years, Brookhaven residents have been very generous with their donations during the Back to School Supply Drive and I expect this year will be the same," said Supervisor Romaine. "During these tough economic times, we must do whatever we can to help our neighbors in need, especially when it comes to preparing their children for school."

Other collection bins will be at the following locations throughout the month of August:

Medford Volunteer Ambulance - 1005 Sipp Avenue in Medford
Taylor Fuel - 354 Ronkonkoma Avenue in Ronkonkoma
Coram Fire Department - 303 Middle Country Road in Coram
Astoria Bank (all branches)
All for You Hair Salon - 161 Long Island Avenue in Holtsville
Internal Revenue Service - 1040 Waverly Avenue in Holtsville
112 Grill at Country Fair - 3351 Route 112 in Medford
Brookhaven National Lab - 2 Center Street in Upton
Modular Devices, Inc. - 1 Roned Road in Shirley

INTERFACE is a partnership between "good corporate neighbors and the Town Of Brookhaven," united in a common effort to provide help to Brookhaven's less fortunate residents. Through volunteerism, INTERFACE provides goods and services to those in need. There are approximately 125 corporations, not-for-profit agencies, community and fraternal organizations that make up INTERFACE.

In 2012, the INTERFACE program raised more than \$866,000 in grants, monetary donations from various organizations and private individuals, goods and services and in-kind donations. The program also provides educational awareness with various community groups and colleges providing them with information on how they can better serve their town by volunteering with those less fortunate. INTERFACE was the recipient of the President's Private Sector Initiative Award, and it has also been honored by the Eleanor Roosevelt Committee of the Governor's Office of Voluntary Service. To learn more about the Town's INTERFACE Program, visit www.brookhaven.org or call 631-451-8014.

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